

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

November 3, 2010

TRANSITIONAL FUNDING FOR CalWORKs STAGE 3 CHILD CARE

Earlier this month, the Governor eliminated subsidized child care slots for over 11,700 Los Angeles County families in the CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care Program who have moved off welfare and into the workforce. These families are currently working, paying taxes, and contributing to the economy. With the elimination of the Stage 3 Child Care Program funding, families will be forced to make the difficult decision between caring for their children or maintaining their employment. In addition, this will impact nearly 6,000 child care providers, who will lose payment for child care services for over 17, 000 young children, with nearly 40% of these children being ages 0-5. To minimize the damage done to children and families, First 5 LA has agreed to provide transitional funding, in the form of a repayable grant to be repaid by the California Department of Education or the Alternate Payment Provider Agencies, as appropriate, for CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care from November 2010 – January 2011 for impacted children ages 0-5.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health (DPH) to amend the DPH contract with First 5 LA to enable the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to accept funding not to exceed \$15 million from First 5 LA for CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care;
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Public Social Services to amend the CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care Contracts with 13 Alternative Payment Provider agencies to pass through up to \$15 million in CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care funding for services provided from November 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, as specified by First 5 LA;
- 3) Instruct the Directors of DPH and DPSS, in collaboration with the CEO, to take any action which is necessary to exercise the delegated authority provided by this motion; and,
- 4) Direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and process any necessary budget adjustments for DPH and/or DPSS.

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